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SUBJECT: MBFR: UK PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. UK MBFR COMMUNITY IS UNDERGOING MAJOR CHANGES. CRISPIN TICKELL HAS LEFT FCO AND HIS OLD DEPARTMENT, WESTERN ORGANIZATIONS, IS BEING MERGED WITH DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. JOHN WILBERFORCE, NEW HEAD OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT IS ABOARD AND HAS BEGUN TO FOLLOW MBFR. NEW UNDER SECRETARIES RICHARD SYKES AND JOHN THOMSON ARE ALSO MAKING THEIR PRESENCE FELT IN UK MBFR DELIBERATIONS. ON THE MINISTERIAL SIDE, ROY HATTERSLEY IS TAKING IN-CREASED INTEREST IN MBFR AND REQUIRES MUCH MORE COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS THAN THOSE GIVEN TO ANY MINISTER IN PAST.

2. IN MOD ANTHONY BENNELL (RECENTLY AN IISS RESEARCH FELLOW) HAS TAKEN OVER AS CHIEF POLICY OFFICER FROM
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PETER MEHEW. LETTER HAS GONE TO VIENNA AS MOD

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REPRESENTATIVE.

3. DAVID GOODALL, HEAD OF CHANCERY UKDEL MBFR VIENNA RETURNS TO FCO TO BECOME HEAD OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT (BILATERAL RELATIONS). HE WILL BE REPLACED BY DAVID GILMOUR FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW.

4. PETER GERAHTY (MOD), TERENCE WOOD AND PATRICK NIXON (FCO), MOST IMPORTANT UK MBFR ACTION OFFICERS, DO NOT MOVE AND WILL PROVIDE CONTINUITY. MBFR TEAM AT UKNATO MISSION ALSO REMAINS BASICALLY UNCHANGED.

5. WE DO NOT SEE ANY IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGES ARISING FROM THESE MOVES, WE DO EXPECT UK TO TAKE SLIGHTLY SOFTER LINE ON PROCEDURE AND DETAIL WHILE NEW OFFICIALS READ THEMSELVES INTO MBFR PICTURE.

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